

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending herein. Claims 13-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 are allowed. In light of the Examiner's indication, previously withdrawn claims 13-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

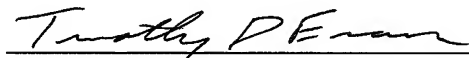
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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